

band at the nearby black high school was not. So the white band teacher offered to help the black band improve. He was beaten nearly to death by the Klan, West says. When the Kershaw County sheriff didn't seem too concerned, West approached J.P. "Pete" Strom, legendary director of the State Law Enforcement Division.

Strom's agents bugged a Klan hideout and within a week had made arrests. When a grand jury refused to indict the Klan leaders, West eventually worked against the Klan in a related civil suit. "The Ku Klux Klan threatened my life, ran my wife off the road," West said. "There were some questions there for a while of who was going to win, between me and the Klan."

West's wife, Lois, also was not one to be intimidated. "She was known as a crack shot," West says, emotion choking his words as he remembers his wife's brave actions at the time. "She sent word to the grand dragon that if anything happened to me, don't worry about the grand jury—she was going to kill him."

HELPED EASE RACIAL TENSIONS

In 1966, West was elected lieutenant governor.

In 1970, he ran for governor against Albert Watson, the state's first Republican congressman since Reconstruction. Watson had the backing of two top Republicans—U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond and President Richard Nixon, who "campaigning harder for my opponent than my opponent did," West says.

Watson spoke against forced integration of schools. Days before the vote, he rallied a group in Darlington County upset over court-ordered busing. Soon after, a group of whites overturned two buses of black children in what became known as the Lamar riot. Several children were injured and more than two dozen arrests were made.

In the 1970 election, West won nearly 54 percent of the vote as African-Americans went to the polls in record numbers. Just days later, Thurmond hired Tom Moss, the first black aide to work for a Southern U.S. senator. The segregationist Thurmond began his conversion then into a racial moderate, West says, and "saw the light with that election."

One biographer wrote "when John West entered office, racial tensions had never been higher. By the end of his term, relations between blacks and whites had never been better."

IT'S A PEOPLE GAME

About the time West was leaving office in 1975, Carter was running for president. "There were 49 other governors," Carter says, "and John West was my favorite of all."

Carter thought so highly of West that he offered him an ambassadorship. He was told to pick a country where "the living was nice," West remembers. Instead, he chose Saudi Arabia. The Middle East was just three years removed from the bloody war between Israel and its Arab neighbors. West wanted to be of use.

"People ask me how did I get along as well as I seemed to" in Saudi Arabia, West says. "I told them that the Saudis' religion was different, government was different, language, of course, was different.

"Politics was amazingly like South Carolina. It's a people game." Whatever it was, Carter says, West had it down. "That was the most challenging place in the world then," says Carter, who negotiated peace between Israel and Egypt. "The Saudis were a great potential problem for us," he says, "but because of John's unprecedented good relations with the Saudi leaders, it was not."

A GOOD MAN GOVERNOR

When West was still on the 1970 gubernatorial campaign trail, one of his

closest advisers was Crawford Cook, a local Democratic activist still on the state's political scene. They needed a slogan, Cook remembers.

They tried several.

Then someone suggested "probably the most appropriate slogan we ever put together," Cook said: "Elect a Good Man Governor." Former Gov. Dick Riley, a West friend and supporter, says history books undoubtedly will say South Carolina did just that in 1970.●

HONORING DR. TODD PALMER

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, today I come to the floor to pay tribute to Dr. Todd Risley of Palmer, AR on the occasion of his retirement.

I recall meeting with him a number of years ago regarding his book "Meaningful Differences" which taught us profound lessons about the processes by which children learn language. This seminal effort is a part of his lifetime of work that has improved knowledge and practice across a broad spectrum of issues in human development, especially for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Whether by developing innovative educational methods such as incidental teaching and correspondence training, or by designing major paradigm shifts and system changes in strategies for delivering services, his remarkable vision and prodigious research and writing have literally revolutionized the process and outcome of supporting people who challenge our knowledge and resources.

As a pioneer in the field of applied behavior analysis and through his decades of contributions since, he will always be remembered as a scientist with a soul.●

HONORING DR. MONTROSE WOLF

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to honor Dr. Montrose Wolf of Lawrence, KS.

I share in the celebration of his remarkable career, one that has been singularly dedicated to the betterment of others, particularly children who have challenged our educational and clinical knowledge and services.

Dr. Wolf is universally acknowledged as a founder of the field of applied behavior analysis, its principles and its practices. As the creator of its premier journal and author of its most definitive articles, he disseminated this burgeoning science to professionals who theretofore were resigned to study human behavior in laboratory settings only. Of equal importance, his demonstrations of the power of these principles and methods in effecting significant positive outcomes in people with real challenges set the stage for all that followed in the educational and clinical practices in widespread use today.

Among many other notable contributions, Dr. Wolf's Teaching Family model revolutionized systems and supports for disabled, troubled and at-risk

boys and girls, and enhancing the lives of well over a million youth through the Boys Town program and Teaching Family homes around the Nation.

Dr. Wolf's life and career have truly embodied the belief that the meaning of a good and worthwhile life is to give rather than receive. No one has given more of their talents and time. To his colleagues, consumers, and champions of children everywhere, he is a true hero.●

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

● Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, one of the most solemn duties that any Senator has is the memorializing of a constituent who has fallen in the line of duty in a far-away land. This is the fifth time I stand to do so, and on each occasion I am reminded of the remarkable character and quality of this generation of Americans; I would hope that their supreme sacrifice is noticed and remembered by their fellow citizens. But all too often the din of daily life in the 21st century threatens to drown out the news of the steady stream of allied casualties in Iraq. It is our duty to make sure that the rolls of the dead and wounded are read aloud: read, heard, and honored.

Therefore, Mr. President, I wish today to fulfill a sacred obligation, and to honor United States Army Sergeant David Travis Friedrich, of the 325th Military Intelligence Battalion out of Waterbury, CT.

Sergeant Friedrich was killed when mortar fire struck the base he was stationed at near the Abu Ghraid prison to the west of Baghdad. He died a true soldier; he died at his post.

Sergeant Friedrich was raised in upstate New York, he attended Brockport State University, and he was accepted into the forensics studies program at the University of New Haven in the Spring 2000. But while the Sergeant was a New Yorker by birth, his studies and work in Connecticut and his role in a Connecticut Battalion, the 325th to be precise, makes him an honorary son of our State.

It is a sad thing indeed for parents to bury their child, and I imagine that few words of solace spoken in this Chamber by the representatives of New York and Connecticut will penetrate the shroud of grief that must surround the Sergeant's family. With that in mind, however, I say this: know that as you grieve, a grateful Nation grieves with you. You are not alone in this time of sorrow, and your son's sacrifice will never be forgotten.●

NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR, KARLENE HUNTER

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I wish to publicly congratulate Karlene Hunter, of Kyle, SD, for receiving the Native American Businesswoman of the Year award at the National Indian Business Association Conference.